MEN WHO POSSESSED REMARK ABLE POWERS OF MEMORY.

Prodigious Abilities in Connection With Mentality - Extraordinary Powers of Memory Displayed by an Idiot-Learned Men Who Never Forgot.

If "all great people have great memories," as Sir Arthur Helps declares in his delightful book entitled "Social Pressure," it by no means follows that all those who are possessed of great memories are "great people." Many an instance might be cited to show that men of very moderate intellectual capacity may be endowed with a power of memory which is truly prodigious. In addition to this there are plenty of well authenticated examples of the extraordinary power of memory displayed even by idiots. In the memoirs of Mrs. Somerville there is a curious account of a most extraordinary a curious account of a most extraordinary verbal memory. "There was an idiot in Edinburgh," she tells us, "of a respectable family, who had a remarkable memory. He never failed to go to the kirk on Sunday, and on returning home could repeat the sermon, saying: 'Here the minister coughed; here he stopped to blow his nose.' coughed; here he stopped to blow his nose."

*During the tour we made in the Highlands," she adds, "we met with another
idiot who knew the Bible so perfectly that
if you asked him where such a verse was
to be found he could tell without hesitation
and repeat the chapter."

Of a similar kind is the memory for which
Daniel McCartney has become famous in the
United States. The strange story of 'this
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man's achievements is told by Mr. Henkle in The Journal of Speculative Philosophy. Mc-Cartney, in 1869, declared that he could re-member the day of the week for any date member the day of the week for any date from January, 1827, that is, from the time when he was 9 years and 4 months old—forty-two and a half years. He has often been tested, and, so far as Mr. Henkle's account goes, had not failed to tell his questioner "what day it was," and to give some informa-tion about the weather and about his own whereabouts and doings on any one of the 15,000 or more dates that might be named. With all this singular power of memory. With all this singular power of memory, however, he is not a man whose general grasp of mind is at all noteworthy. THE RICH GIFT OF MEMORY.

The same may be said of scores of men whose one rich gift of memory has brought them into prominence. No one has claimed any high intellectual rank for the renowned "Memory Corner Thompson," who drew from actual memory, in twenty-two hours, at two sittings, in the presence of two well-known gentlemen, a correct plan of the parish of St.

James, Westminster, with parts of the parishes of St. Marylebone, St. Ann and St.

Martin; who could tell the corner of any great leading thoroughfare from Hyde park corner or Oxford street to St. Faul's, who could "take an inventory of a gentleman's house from attic to ground floor and write it out afterward. He did this at Lord Nelson's at Merton, and at the Duke of Kent's, in the presence of two noblemen.

Since the revival of learning in Europe there

have been everes, yea hundreds of scholars who have known "their Homer" by heart and a thousand other things besides. Bishop Saunderson, old Isaac Walton tells us, could repeat all the odes of Horace, all Tully's of fices and the best part of Juvenal and Persius. Ealer, the mathematician, and Liebnitz, the philosopher, could recite the Æneid from be-ginning to end. In their day Porson, Elmsley, Parr and Wakefield held the foremost places as scholars, and all, of course, had rare memories; but the palm must be given to Porson, of whom endless stories are told. Before he went to Eton he was able to repeat almost the whole of Horace, Virgil, Homer, Cicero and Livy. When, as a practical jelle, a schoolfel-low slipped the wrong book into Porson's hand, just as he was about to read and trans-late, the boy was not disconcerted, but went on to read from his memory, as if nothing had occurred. In later life his performances approached the miraculous. It would require all our space to give any fair idea of them, for he not only knew all the Greek poets and prose writers pretty well by heart, but could recite whole plays of Shakespeare, or com-plete books from "Paradise Lost," Pope's "Rape of the Lock," Barrow's sermons, seens from Foote, Edgeworth's "Essays on Irish Bulls," scores of pages from Gibbon or Rapin. OF THE GIGANTIC ORDER.

Gilbert Wakefield memory was also of the gigantic order, but it will not bear compari-son with Person's. There were few passages in Homer or Pindar which he could not recite at a moment's notice; Virgil and Horace he knew perfectly, and he could recite entire books from the Old and New Testaments without halting or failing in a single verse. There was also John Wyndham Bruce, whose ure time was devoted to classical studies His chief favorite was Æschylus, the whole of whose plays he had learned by heart, in-challing the 1,200 lines of the "Agamemnon" collated by Robertelius. He knew his Horner in the same way, and was quite content until one day he met with an old-fellow student at Bong, who, when he made a quotation, would mention book, ode and verse, remarking that he did not regard any one as knowing Horace properly unless he could do that. Mr. Bruce ordingly set to work at Horace again, and was not long before he could name the exact place occupied by a line in any of the famous

of his acquisitions, is Von der Gabelentz, who seems to have been equally at home with the Sunhilis, the Samoyeds, the Hazaras, the Ainmals, the Dyaks, the Dakotas and the Ki-riris; who could translate from Chinese into Manchu, compile a grammar or correct the speech of the inhubitants of the Flji islands, New Hebrides, Loyalty islands or New Cale-donia. When we come to Cardinal Mezzofanti and Sir John Bowring we find the "highest record" as regards the mere number and variety of tongues that men have been known to acquire. No one can speak with absolute certainty as to the number of languages Mezzofanti could coaverse in with ease. Mrs. Somerville says that he professed only fiftytwo.-Chambers' Journal.

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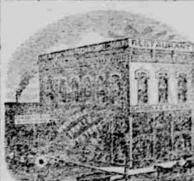
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